

AMENDMENTS TO THE CLAIMS

The listing of claims provided below will replace all prior versions, and listings, of claims in the application.

Listing of Claims

13. (Previously presented) A method for the treatment of heart failure in a mammal which comprises administering a cortisol antagonist to said mammal in an amount effective to treat the heart failure, with the proviso that said cortisol antagonist is not clonidine.
14. (Previously presented) The method of claim 13 wherein the heart failure is selected from the group consisting of congestive heart failure, diastolic heart failure, low-output heart failure, right-sided heart failure, cardiac hypertrophy, and cardiac fibrosis.
15. (Previously presented) The method of claim 14 wherein the cortisol antagonist is an inhibitor of cortisol synthesis.
16. (Previously presented) The method of claim 15 wherein the inhibitor of cortisol synthesis is ketoconazole or a derivative thereof.
17. (Previously presented) The method of claim 16 wherein the cortisol synthesis inhibitor is a Cis-2S,4R and/or Cis-2R, 4S isomer of ketoconazole.
18. (Cancelled)
19. (Previously presented) A method for the treatment of one or more symptoms associated with heart failure selected from the group comprising edema of lower limbs, pulmonary edema, dyspnea, liver enlargement, increased heart rate, reduced stroke volume, shortness of breath and exercise intolerance which comprises administering, in a daily dose, a cortisol antagonist to a mammalian subject, with the proviso that said